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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claims 5-24 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The original claims did not require the forming of a cleanout opening nor the movable engagement of a cleanout cover with a barrel. Moreover, new claims 5-24 appear to a hybrid of a method of making and an apparatus claim.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 5-24 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. The amendment filed on 09/26/06 canceling all claims drawn to the constructively elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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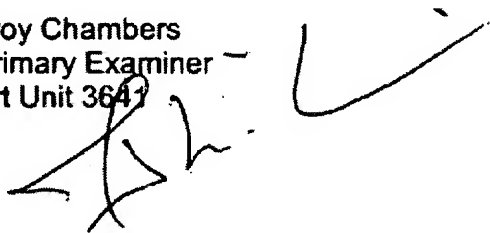
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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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6874 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone, can be reached at (571) 272-6873.

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